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2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 1.3.5 and 6.			
3. \boxtimes The drawings filed on <u>15 July 2003</u> are accepted by the Ex	aminer.		
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority una) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the: 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)). * Certified copies not received:	been received. been received in Applicat	ion No	from the
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Attachment(s) 1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 2. ☐ Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) 3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/0 Paper No./Mail Date 7/15/2003 4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material	6. ⊠ Interview Paper No 8), 7. ⊠ Examiner	Informal Patent Application (PTO-19 Summary (PTO-413), b./Mail Date 's Amendment/Comment 's Statement of Reasons for Allowal Darren W. Ark Primary Examiner Art Unit: 3643	nce

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Sean A. Kaufhold on Wednesday, July 28, 2004.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claim 1. A fish bite indication device for removably positioning on a fishing rod having fishing line strung therethrough, said device comprising:

a ring member having a generally circular shape, said ring member having a substantially smooth outer surface, said ring member having an inner diameter generally between ½ inch and 2 inches, said ring member comprising a <u>plastic</u> material having buoyancy in water, wherein said ring member is positionable over an end of the fishing rod such that said ring member is moved upwardly on the fishing rod when the fishing line is pulled outwardly away from the fishing rod;

a loop being attached to said ring member, said loop being positioned on an outer circumference of said ring member, said loop having an inner diameter smaller than an inner diameter of said ring member; and

an elongated tether having a first end and a second end, said first end being attached to said loop.

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Cancelled claim 4.

Claim 6, line 16, replaced "may secure" with --is capable of securing--

Claim 6, line 16, inserted --member-- after both occurrences of "ring"

Claim 6, line 16, replaced "of" with --off--.

Claim 6, line 17, inserted --member-- after "ring".

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

In regard to claims 1, 5, and 6, the prior art of record does not disclose the loop both attached to the ring member and being positioned on an outer circumference of the ring member and the elongated tether having a first end and a second end, the first end being attached to the loop. The term "tether" has been interpreted as "1. A rope, chain, or halter..." in Webster's II New Riverside University Dictionary 1994.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Darren W. Ark whose telephone number is (703) 305-3733. The examiner can normally be reached on M-Th, 8:00am-6:30pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Peter M. Poon can be reached on (703) 308-2574. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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